GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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REPORT ON FLOOD SITUATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report has been submitted to the Union Government in regard to storage of water and to deal with the flood situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Flood Management being a Statesubject, flood control schemes are planned, funded and executed b y the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their priorities. The assistance of Central Governmentin this regard is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Rashtriya Barh Ayog (RBA) in its report submitted in 1980 made detailed study on the causes of the floods in the country and suggested various measures on strategy and plan of action for flood management in the country. The RBA inter-alia recommended thatflood space should be provided in reservoirs after examining the need and feasibility. The recommendations of RBA were forwarded to the State Governments for implementation.The Government of India has set up Ganga Flood Control Commission in 1972, whoprepared the comprehensive plans for flood management for all the 23 river systems of Ganga basin. The Brahmaputra Board set up by the Government of India in1982 under an Act of Parliament has prepared Master Plans for main Brahmaputra & Barak valleys inter-alia to control floods in North Eastern region. These plans have been forwarded to respective State Governments for their consideration and implementation.